

## Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Saturday 23 Sep 2023 until 23:59 on Sunday 24 Sep 2023

Forecast Issued on Friday 22 Sep 2023 at 15:08 by Met Office Aberdeen

**Confidence:** The best weather is expected on Saturday, throughout the rest of the forecast it is likely to be very windy with periods of gales and severe gales. High confidence for a wet day on Sunday but lower confidence showery conditions on Monday and Tuesday.

**Headline for Saturday 23 Sep 2023:** Winds easing and sunny spells during the day, cloudier later, winds strengthening in the evening, rain later in the west.

### Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 23 Sep 2023

**Blizzards**

No Likelihood

**Heavy persistent snow**

No Likelihood

**Storm force winds**

No Likelihood

**Gales**

Low Likelihood

**Severe chill effect**

Low Likelihood

**Poor visibility**

No Likelihood

**Thunderstorms**

No Likelihood

**Heavy persistent rain**

No Likelihood

**Strong sunlight**

No Likelihood

### Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m

| Time                                                                                |                                                                                     |                                                                                     |                                                                                     |                                                                                     |                                                                                       |                                                                                       |                                                                                       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 00:00                                                                               | 03:00                                                                               | 06:00                                                                               | 09:00                                                                               | 12:00                                                                               | 15:00                                                                                 | 18:00                                                                                 | 21:00                                                                                 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Partly cloudy (night)                                                               | Partly cloudy (night)                                                               | Sunny                                                                               | Sunny intervals                                                                     | Cloudy                                                                              | Dull                                                                                  | Light rain                                                                            | Light rain                                                                            |
| Precipitation probability                                                           |                                                                                     |                                                                                     |                                                                                     |                                                                                     |                                                                                       |                                                                                       |                                                                                       |
| <05%                                                                                | <05%                                                                                | 10%                                                                                 | 10%                                                                                 | 10%                                                                                 | 20%                                                                                   | 40%                                                                                   | 60%                                                                                   |

### Forecast for Saturday 23 Sep 2023

**Weather:** Dry overnight with northwesterly winds easing during the morning, feeling quite cold at first, some sunny intervals will develop during the day and as the winds turn southerly it will feel a little warmer. Clouding over from the west during the evening and some for western ranges by mid evening. Winds strengthening once again.

**Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m:** 90%, some patchy low cloud on northern facing hills especially during the evening.

**Low Cloud and visibility:** Patchy cloud in the morning above 700m on more exposed north facing hills, this will lift and clear, very good visibility throughout the day, perhaps turning hazy in the evening as cloud thickens and rain affects western ranges.

## Forecast for Saturday 23 Sep 2023

| Height (m) | Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) |          |          |        |         | Wind Direction (blowing from) |         |          |          |
|------------|-----------------------------|----------|----------|--------|---------|-------------------------------|---------|----------|----------|
|            | 00:00                       | 03:00    | 06:00    | 09:00  | 12:00   | 15:00                         | 18:00   | 21:00    | 00:00    |
| 1300       | 23/27 N                     | 18/21 N  | 15/18 NW | 7/9 SW | 9/13 SW | 16/22 S                       | 28/36 S | 37/48 SE | 41/54 SE |
| 900        | 12/18 NW                    | 10/14 NW | 8/12 NW  | 3/6 W  | 7/10 SW | 13/19 S                       | 22/30 S | 26/37 SE | 26/38 SE |
| 600        | 12/15 NE                    | 8/10 W   | 8/10 W   | 4/7 SW | 7/11 SW | 13/18 SW                      | 25/32 S | 32/42 SE | 37/49 SE |
| 300        | 5/7 NW                      | 4/6 NW   | 4/5 E    | 3/5 SW | 6/10 SW | 8/14 S                        | 12/20 S | 18/30 SE | 20/31 SE |
| Glen       | 4/9 NW                      | 5/8 NW   | 3/5 NW   | 1/4 S  | 5/10 SW | 7/13 SW                       | 7/19 S  | 10/25 SE | 14/31 SE |

| Height (m)      | Temperature / Feels Like (°C) |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|                 | 00:00                         | 03:00 | 06:00 | 09:00 | 12:00 | 15:00 | 18:00 | 21:00 | 00:00 |
| 1300            | -1/-8                         | -2/-8 | -1/-7 | -0/-4 | 1/-3  | 2/-4  | 1/-6  | 2/-6  | 3/-4  |
| 900             | 2/-3                          | 1/-3  | 1/-3  | 3/1   | 5/2   | 5/2   | 4/-1  | 4/-2  | 5/-0  |
| 600             | 4/0                           | 4/1   | 4/1   | 5/3   | 6/4   | 8/4   | 7/3   | 8/4   | 9/4   |
| 300             | 6/4                           | 6/4   | 6/4   | 7/6   | 9/8   | 10/9  | 10/7  | 9/6   | 10/6  |
| Glen            | 7/6                           | 6/5   | 6/6   | 9/9   | 12/11 | 12/11 | 11/10 | 11/9  | 12/9  |
| Freezing Level* | 1000m                         | 1000m | 1000m | 1000m | 1100m | 1200m | 1300m | 2600m | 2700m |

\*Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.

## Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Strong winds early in the day and again in the evening, gale force gusts on higher summits. Significant wind chill at first with freezing level lowered and strong northerly winds.

## Forecast for Sunday 24 Sep 2023

**Weather:** Outbreaks of rain overnight, perhaps drier for the morning but then a wet afternoon, areas exposed to the southwesterly winds will see the most persistent and heavy rain during the afternoon and evening accompanied by southerly gales, some localised flooding of watercourses can be expected.

**Maximum wind:** Southerly 25 gusts 35mph, increasing 30 gusts 45-50mph during the afternoon

**Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m:** 30% perhaps more chance further northeast.

**Low Cloud and visibility:** Scattered or broken cloud layers above 500m in the morning but a few breaks possible further northeast. By the afternoon layers of overcast cloud at times in the west above 300m, further north and east the cloud will be more broken and higher based. Moderate visibility in the morning. Poor in persistent rain in the afternoon and evening. Feeling quite mild.

**Temperature:** **Glens:** Plus 10 rising to 16 Celsius.  
**At 800m:** Plus 5 rising to 9 Celsius.  
**Freezing level:** Above all summits.